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BOOK REVIEWS

AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

History of the Discovery and Conquest of Costa Rica. By Ricardo Fernández Guardia, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs and Public Instruction of Costa Rica; Corresponding Member of the Spanish Royal Academies of Language and of History. Translated by Harry Weston Van Dyke. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company. i to xxi. 416 p. $2.00 net. 57 illustrations.

Nowhere does romantic historical interest blend as in the beginning of things Spanish in America. This book, drawn from the correspondence and public documents of the period, contains an intimate series of pen portraits of many doughty *Conquistadores* of the little enlightened Republic of Costa Rica. The book is an important contribution to the library of any intelligent man, especially if he be interested in the background of history out of which is growing the hopeful Pan-America to which we of this hemisphere are looking with an increasing expectation.

Outline of International Law. By Arnold Bennett Hall. p. i to v and 250. La Salle Extension University, Chicago.

The author of this text is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin. He is also the secretary of the Wisconsin Peace Society. The volume is a brief, non-technical statement of the underlying principles of international law for the general reader and student interested in the international problems of the day. The book assumes that the world is more interested in the problems of international relations as a result of the present world conflict. If one is to interpret intelligently passing world events, it is necessary to have at least a general acquaintance with the beginnings of international law. One must know what is meant by the independence and equality of States. One must have something of an idea of the development of diplomatic relations, of the origin and influence of treaties, and of the various means of settling international disputes. The effect of war upon treaties, business relations, the property of enemies, the various methods of conducting and terminating war, are all essential to any intelligent interpretation of present world politics. Questions of neutrality, blockade, contraband, and unneutral service are not new, but old, and it is of importance that one should be acquainted with the history of these, especially at this time. All such matters have been serviceably covered in this book. In addition there is a classified bibliography, a table of the ratified portions of The Hague conventions, and the "Declaration of London" concerning the laws of naval warfare.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Year Book for 1915. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. i to xvii. p. 165; including report of the auditor, requirements for appropriations, resolutions, appropriations, and a list of the publications of the Endowment.

From those who do not know, we frequently hear criticisms of the aims and methods of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, founded December 14, 1910. The best reply to these criticisms is a copy of this fifth Year Book of the organization. The report of the executive committee and of the secretary, supplemented by the reports of the acting director of the Division of Intercourse and Education, of the director of Economics and History, and of the director of International Law, are sane, unimpassioned accounts of constructive effort in behalf of a better world organization. The volume is an invaluable text-book in high international endeavor.

Personality and Nationality. A study in recent history. By Richard Roberts. London: Headley Brothers, Bishopsgate. 137 p. Price, 1s net.

If it were not for a certain opprobrium connoted by the word we would say that this is a volume of six sermons. The first contrasts modern Germany and modern England; the next discusses the question, "Where Has Germany Gone Wrong;" the third is a treatment of personality and nationality. The other titles are: "Empire and Ethics," "A World Set Free," "Physician, Heal Thyself." The last, an introspective analysis of Britain by a Britain, is well worth the price of the book.

Through South America. By Harry Weston Van Dyke. With an introduction by Hon. John Barrett. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 428 p. $2.00 net. Bibliography and index.

The author has here given us both an interesting and instructive contribution to Pan-American understanding and union. Each of the eleven political groups of South America is pictured with uniform clearness. It has 133 pages of a historical sketch of the continent. Forty illustrations, a map, and an index add materially to the value of the book.

The Sorrows of Belgium. By Leonid Andreyev. New York: The Macmillan Co. 132 p. Price, $1.25 net.

The tragedy and the sorrows of devastated Belgium are vividly described by Andreyev in this book, which is a play in six scenes. The play centers around the foremost poet and thinker of the Belgians, Maeterlinck, regarded as the conscience of the Belgian people. The action takes place at the beginning of the great war in August, 1914. It is intensely interesting and effective, portraying as it does the feelings of the Belgian people toward the German invasion and the horrors of war. The author, himself a Russian, has depicted the victims of the war with profound sympathy.

The Iron Cross. By James Church Alvord. M. H. Leavis, West Medford, Mass. Price, 10 cents net.

This short story was awarded the prize of $100 offered by the Christian Women's Peace Movement for the best short story embodying Christian ideals of peace. It is a startling indictment of war, the motive of the story being reminiscent of "The Servant in the House." It has a powerful plot, and the author's sense of spiritual values grips the imagination and challenges the conscience.

Christianity and International Peace. By Charles Edward Jefferson, D. D. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Co. 287 p. Price, $1.25 net.

This book consists of six lectures given by the author at Grinnell College, Iowa, in February, 1915. The titles of the lectures are: "The Greatest Problem of the Twentieth Century," "The Bible and War," "The Church and Peace," "Christianity and Militarism," "Some Fallacies of Militarism," "What, Then, Shall We Do?" Practically every question one might wish to raise under any of these titles is answered with that fullness, accuracy, and clarity so conspicuous in all the writings by this author.

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

Japanese Law of Neutrality. 6 p. Compiled by Gilbert Bowles. May be obtained from Gilbert Bowles, 30 Koun Cho, Mita, Tokyo, Japan.

The United States as a World Power. 16 p. An interview with Nicholas Murray Butler. By Edward Marshall. Reprinted from the New York *Times* of May 16, 1915. Copies may be had on application to Division of Intercourse and Education, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 407 West 117th street, New York city.

Annual Report for 1914 of the Interparliamentary Union. 46 p. Submitted by the Secretary General to the Interparliamentary Council. Contains program of the Bureau for 1915. Copies may be obtained by addressing Dr. S. N. D. North, 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.